

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
Human Resources Committee

Office of the Chairman

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Richard Lehman  
Deputy to the DCI for National Intelligence

FROM: Ambassador Edward S. Little  
Chairman, Human Resources Committee

SUBJECT: FOCUS

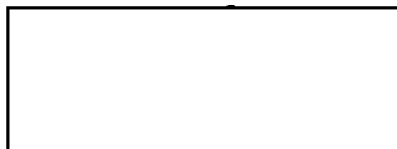
1. This is in follow-up (later than I would have preferred) of our meeting of 1 December 1976 on FOCUS matters. Since that time, I have been reviewing with David Carpenter (Chairman, Assessments Subcommittee) and my own staff various ways to improve FOCUS procedures. We have also been working towards the definition of a complete list of candidate countries for the FOCUS Review Program for 1977 that we would discuss with you along with these possible procedures.

2. The Intelligence Community maintains a great interest in FOCUS. The Department of State has raised a question, as I had anticipated, of the number of FOCUS Reviews to be accomplished in 1977 (an augmentation is involved). I am seeking to deal with this problem as well as that of revising procedures which are influenced, of course, by workload. I would like to take a little more time on procedures (a couple of weeks) before we meet on this subject. In the meantime, I would propose that we agree, as soon as convenient, to a partial list of FOCUS Reviews for 1977. This, I think, is urgent, as we have now completed all pending FOCUS Assessments.

3. We have received FOCUS proposals from all agencies as well as the suggestions which you provided in your 2 December memorandum. There was widespread support for FOCUS Reviews of nine countries (list attached); three of these were suggested in your memorandum. I recommend that we schedule some of these nine as soon as possible and meet later to consider the complete list for 1977.

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4. [ ] will meet very soon with Bill Parmenter to discuss a future FOCUS [ ] (included in your 2 December memorandum), which we think should not be difficult to agree to. Of course, as we proceed these next few weeks to get the FOCUS Program moving again, we will be very responsive to your recommendations and desires.



Attachment:  
(1) as stated

PROPOSED PARTIAL FOCUS REVIEW SCHEDULE 1977

Initial Group

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Slightly Later

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Others will be considered later.

<b>TRANSMITTAL SLIP</b>		DATE	4 Mar 77
TO: NIOs/WE/NESA/LA/EAP/USSR			
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REMARKS:  May I please have you advice on the attached for Mr. Lehman by COB <u>9 March</u> , Wednesday.			
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